

Trident Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Membership Meeting Minutes

4/20/2026



Call to order: 7:00pm

Adjourned: 7:25pm

Location: American Red Cross, 2242-A City Hall Lane, N. Charleston, SC 29406

Board Officers/Committee Members:

President – Chris Benoit, KC4NW

Vice President – David Merritts, AE4ZR

Secretary – Brent Tatum, KO4KCR (absent)

Treasurer - Steve Anderjack – KO4AFL (absent)

Board Member at Large - Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW

Board Member at Large - Jim Wasson, KO4MNB

Membership – Ron Davis, K4TCP

Testing – Ron Davis, K4TCP, Steve Anderjack, KO4AFL

QSL manager –Chris Benoit KC4NW

Education - Jim Wasson KO4MNB

Programs – Reid Robinson KR4CPL

Properties - Terrence Hamilton, KR4FLR

By-Laws – Chip Mack WB4ZVR

POTA- David Merritts AE4ZR

Field Day- Ron Davis K4TCP

Treasurer Report: \$6993.36

Membership: 103, 2 new members

Education Committee: Jim Wasson, KO4MNB, passed around two group pictures, signed by Saint John Catholic School students; one of the 4th-5th graders, and another one of the middle school students, that was sent to us in appreciation of the electronic kits building sessions that the TARC volunteers held at the school last January through March 2026. This fall, we will be asking for members to volunteer again for help in the next school year.

QSL: None to Report

Programs: Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW, talked about how to conduct a “Fox Hunt” where multiple teams each with a Yagi antenna, attenuator and HT radio, would try to locate the hidden transmitted (“fox”) using triangulation. Chris asked for a show at hands to determine level of interest to schedule a Fox Hunt event next month and 20 members raised their hands. Saint John Catholic School also had expressed an interest in having a special fox hunt for the students on school grounds in the fall.

POTA: David Merritts, AE4ZR, reported on the 11 April Parks on the Air (POTA) event at Givens Ferry State Park. He stated that there were 15 participants operating 4 stations (including one FT-8 station) and that they had a total of 93 contacts on 40/20/15 meters.

Air Show: Chip Mack, WB4ZVR, reported that due to security concerns from the Iran conflict, Joint Base Charleston will be closed for the airshow, and therefore, our participation is no longer required. Instead, there will be a fly-over conducted over Charleston Harbor on 30 April to 2 May 2026.

ARRL Summer Field Day June 27-28: Ron Davis, K4TCP, announced that field day will be held again at Saint John Episcopal Church on Maybank Highway. We are looking for volunteers to help with set up, antennas, operators, loggers, kitchen cleanup, take down, food sign up, etc. A chicken entrée will be provided by the club. Everyone is invited to come for dinner even if you don't plan to operate the radios. Please see Ron K4TCP to sign up.

Net Control: Chris Benoit, KC4NW, stated that the club is in need of a few additional operators to help run the TARC VHF network on Tuesday evenings at 8:00pm. Running a net is good training for Emergency Operations. A script will be provided to anyone who wishes to become a Net Control Operator. Please see Ron K4TCP to sign up.

Museum Ships Event June 6: Dave Merritts, AE4ZR, asked Van Herridge, K0UL, to notify the shipyard across from the H L Hunley Museum that David is now the point of contact in order to make arrangements for the club to operate there during Museum Ships weekend.

Little David Event: Judge Jan, KX4MI, stated that the event held every year at Old Santee State Park, has been scrubbed because replicas of the ship are no longer accepted.

Trailer Maintenance: Glenn Stephens, WA4NMW, stated that we need to purchase and install a new battery balancer and adjust the brakes before field day.

Old Business:

- Looking at May to do Fox Hunt.
- POTA 11 April
- Need more operators for net control
- Museum Ships June 6
- Summer Field Day

New Business:

- TARC's 53 anniversary
- Trailer maintenance
- Need net control operators for Tuesday night's TARC net

General Information:

- Testing: POC: Testing is scheduled at 6:30pm the 3rd Wed of every month at the Hanahan Public Library, 1216 Old Murry Ct., Hanahan, SC 29410. Pre-register for the exam session at <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/glaarg>
 - Upcoming Events:
 - Museum Ships Event June 6
 - ARRL Summer Field Day June 27-28:
- NETS:_Check the TARC Website: Every Tuesday at 8pm on your local repeater.

73

Brent Tatum, KO4KCR
Secretary